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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.)

SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF SECRETARY SIMON

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 423, (B) STATE 41896, (C) STATE 25051

1. SSCHEDULE FOR VISIT -- DCM MET WITH MFA DIRECTOR PROTOCOL AND CHIEF AMERICAN SECTION FEB 22 TO REVIEW STATUS OF PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT. FOLLOWING IS MINISTRY'S STILL PROVISIONAL REPEAT PROVISIONAL PROGRAM WHICH, AS WILL BE NOTED, CONFORMS CLOSELY WITH THAT CONTAINED REF A.

MARCH 4)6

0025 -- ARRIVE ABU DHABI AIRPORT. TO BE MET BY UAEG MINFINANCE (THERE SOME DOUBT WHETHER THIS WILL IN FACT BE MINISTER, SHAIKH HAMDAN BIN RASHID OR MINSTATE MUHAMMAD HABROUSH--WILL CLARIFY LATER). PLEASE CONFIRM THAT ARRIVAL TIME IS AS INDICATED (BY ANDREWS AFB) VICE THAT IN STATE 37646. AFTER MINIMAL AIRPORT FORMALITIES (CUP OF COFFEE WITH MINISTER GREETING SECRETARY) PROCEED TO ABU DHABI HILTON HOTEL WHERE ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY TO BE HOUSED. (SEE SEPTTEL FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS; AIR CREW IN DIFFERENT HOTEL.)

0900 -- SECRETARY SIMON CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER AHMED SUWAIDI
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AT MFA.

0930 -- DISCUSSION SESSION ALSO AT MFA WITH UAEG SIDE PROBABLY CONSISTING OF SUWAIDI, MINPETROLEUM OTAIBA, HABROUSH, PERHAPS HAMDAN, PRESIDENT OF ROYAL COURT SHAIKH SUROOR AND ADVISOR TO SHAIKH ZAYID, ADNAN PACHACHI. DURATION OF SESSION WILL DEPEND ON TIMING OF NEXT CALL.

1130 (CIRCA) -- AUDIENCE WITH SHAIKH ZAYID

1330 -- OFFICIAL LUNCHEON AT HILTON HOTEL HOSTED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE

AFTER LUNCH -- REST PERIOD

1630 -- TOUR OF ABU DHABI CITY PROCEEDING TO TOURIST CLUB

1730 (CIRCA) -- TEA AND MEETING WITH PRESS AT TOURIST CLUB

1830 -- PROCEED TO AIRPORT

1915 (CIRCA) -- WHEELS UP.

2. RE PROGRAM FOR MRS. SIMON, MRS. SEIDMAN AND MRS. JENSEN: EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED TO MFA THAT CALL ON SHAIKHA FATIMA, WIFE OF SHAIKH ZAYID, MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE ASKED IF UAEG HAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT LADIES LUNCHEON MAY BE ORGANIZED. IF TIME PERMITS WE WOULD ENDORSE SUGGESTION REF B THAT TRIP TO QJ OF ARIZONA SADIYAT PROJECT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST. HANDICRAFT SHOPPING VERY LIMITED IN ABU DHABI BUT IF MRS. SIMON WISHES EXPLORE THESE POSSIBILITIES THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. MRS. STERNER AND MRS. PEALE WILL ACT AS ESCORTS.

3. RE PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF PARTY; BEACH IS DIRECTLY ACROSS CORNICHE ROAD FROM HILTON. HOTEL ALSO OFFERS SWIMMING POOL. IN TERMS OF ATTRACTIONS IN TOWN, ASIDE FROM GENERAL TOUR, SADAIYAT AND LIMITED SHOPPING MENTIONED ABOVE ARE ABOUT IT. THERE IS NO OLD SOUK OR MUSEUM IN ABU DHABI. UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER SPECIFIC INTERESTS, WE WILL BUILD PROGRAM AROUND THESE POSSIBILITIES. PLEASE ADVISE RE SHOPPING.

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4. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER RESPONSES FROM UAEG RE SECRETARY'S VISIT UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENT SADAT HAS COMPLETED HIS STAY HERE (FEB 25-27).

5. RE NUMBER OF POINTS RAISED REF C:

(A) CUSTOMS -- EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER, FRANK NELSON, WILL HANDLE WHATEVER FORMALITIES REQUIRED (WE ANTICIPATE THEY WILL BE MINIMAL).

(B) GROUND TRANSPORTATION -- TO CLARIFY ABU DHABI 390, THIS IS SMALL REPAT SMALL POST. EMBASSY HAS GRANT TOTAL OF THREE REPEAT THREE DRIVERS AND FOUR VEHICLES (INCLUDING AMBASSADOR'S CAR AND DRIVER). FOUR DRIVERS MENTIONED OUR 390 WERE FROM AVIS CAR RENTAL, WHICH IS BEST THAT FIRM CAN DO* IN SHORT WE PROPOSE PROCEED AS FOLLOWS. AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY SIMON WILL USE AMBASSADOR'S CAR. DEPENDING ON NEEDS OF SECRET SERVICE, TO WHOM WE INTEND GIVE FIRST CALL FOR AVIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE DRIVERS, SOME OR ALL OF REMAINING CAR NEEDS WILL BE MET FROM PALACE FLEET. THESE WILL ALL BE HEAVY SEDANS BUT DRIVERS LIKELY SPEAK MINIMAL ENGLISH. EMBASSY IS ALSO ATTEMPTING RENT TWO BUSES, ONE FOR PARTY OTHER FOR AIRCREW, AND ONE TRUCK.

(C) BAGGAGE - WE WILL COMPLY WITH PARA6 REF C.
WILL BAGS BE PRE-TAGGED WITH ROOM NUMBERS AS PER OUR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS SEPTTEL?

NS (D) CLASSIFIED MATERIAL -- EMBASSY HAS NO MARINE GUARDS AND TOTAL OF 13 AMERICAN PERSONNEL. IT WILL BE MOST DIFFICULT SUPPLY CONTINUAL SECURITY COVERAGE FOR SUCH MATERIAL IN HOTEL ON TOP OF MAINTAINING MINIMAL EMBASSY OPERATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR SIMON PARTY. CAN MATERIAL BE LEFT ON PLANE DURING ABU DHABI STAY-- OR CAN AIR CREW OR OTHER ELEMENTS OF PARTY ASSIST EMBASSY IN PROVIDING SECURITY WATCH IN ADMIN CONTROL ROOM? PLEASE ADVISE.

(E) VISITOR'S CONTROL ROOM -- SINCE WE HAVE NO COMMISSARY OR OTHER STOCKS ON WHICH TO DRAW WE WILL PROVIDE LIMITED REPEAT LIMITED SUNDRIES, BEVERAGES AND CIGARETTES. CURRENCY EXCHANGE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY HILTON HOTEL CASHIER. WE WILL HAVE TWO TRANSFORMERS IN CONTROL ROOM (CURRENT 220 VOLTS--HOTEL HAS NO REPEAT NO TRANSFORMERS).
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(F) ADMIN CONTROL ROOM -- AS PER STATE 39122, EMBASSY PLANS ELIMINATE LINE FROM HOTEL TO EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD (PARTICULARLY IN THAT WE DON'T HAVE A SWITCHBOARD). WE WILL PROVIDE OTHER ITEMS CITED, THOUGH OUR COPY MACHINE IS SOMEWHAT ANTIQUATED 3M MODEL.

(G) MISCELLANEOUS -- PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED BY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. MFA HAS PROMISED COPIES. USIS WIRELESS FILE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CONTROL ROOM. LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL ABOUT 10 AM. ARE COPIES STILL DESIRED FOR ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY?

(H) SECRETARIAL SUPPORT -- EMBASSY HAS TWO SECRETARIES, ONE OF WHOM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PARTY'S THREE IF NEEDED.

(I) LOCAL INFO: TIME FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL -- APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES; HOTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY -- FIVE MINUTES; FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SHAIKH ZAYID'S PALACE -- 10 MINUTES; PALACE TO HOTEL -- TEN MINUTES; TOURIST CLUB TO AIRPORT -- 25 MINUTES. HOTEL WATER IS TREATED AND SAFE. OTHERWISE WATER SHOULD BE AVOIDED. HOTEL AND MAIN RESTAURANTS HAVE GENERALLY SAFE FOOD.
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